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Antiques Roadshow premieres episodes in April filmed at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Maryland Public Television supported the single-day production in June 2024 that led to three episodes debuting during the hit PBS series' 29th season

OWINGS MILLS, MD – <u>Maryland Public Television</u> (MPT) will premiere three episodes of the PBS series *Antiques Roadshow* filmed last year at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. The episodes will debut on April 14, 21, and 28 at 8 p.m. on MPT-HD and PBS stations nationwide. Episodes are also available to watch live and on demand using MPT's online video player and the free PBS app.

Part adventure, part history lesson, part treasure hunt, the 22-time Emmy® Award-nominated *Antiques Roadshow* began its 29th broadcast season in January. In each hour-long episode, specialists from the country's leading auction houses and independent dealers offer free appraisals of antiques, fine and decorative arts, and collectibles. It is the most-watched ongoing primetime PBS series, reaching approximately five million loyal weekly viewers across TV, streaming, online, and social media platforms.

The three upcoming Maryland episodes are:

- Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 1 (Monday, April 14, 8 p.m.) Watch astonishing treasures from Antiques Roadshow's Baltimore stop, including 1865 Lewis M. Rutherford lunar photographs, a Patek Philippe & Tiffany platinum pocket watch, ca. 1910, and Lynne Drexler oil paintings. One is worth up to \$570,000.
- Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 2 (Monday, April 21, 8 p.m.) Antiques Roadshow finds
 rare treasures at the Maryland Zoo, including 1973 Topps uncut card sheets, a ring collection, ca.
 1970, and a 1967 Ram Kumar oil painting. Viewers discover which treasure is worth upwards of
 \$180,000.
- Antiques Roadshow: Maryland Zoo, Hour 3 (Monday, April 28, 8 p.m.) Antiques Roadshow searches for hidden treasures in Maryland, including George Patton's gold WWI trench watch, a 1949 Charles Loloma pot, and a 1944 Joseph Erlanger's Nobel Prize & diploma. One is valued at \$150,000 to \$200,000.

On Wednesday, April 9, MPT will host a sneak preview screening of the April 14 episode at 7 p.m. in its Visitors Center in Owings Mills. The screening event is open to the public and free to attend, but registration is required. For more information and to complete registration, click **HERE**.

Content for the three Maryland episodes was recorded on a single day, June 18, 2024. Four thousand tickets were awarded for the event through a sweepstakes that garnered more than 14,000 applications.

"The magic of *Roadshow* is with thousands of fans attending our events each Tour, we don't know what they will bring or what we'll discover," said executive producer Marsha Bemko. "And after 29 years, our new season doesn't disappoint — many of the stories and treasures left even us speechless!"

Approximately 40 MPT employees volunteered to staff the event, and an additional 80 local volunteers supported taping activities that day. Some 65 appraisers volunteered their time to perform thousands of appraisals, with about 140 appraisals being captured on film. Among the appraisers were Paul Winicki, founder of Radcliffe Jewelers, and Craig Flinner, founder of the Craig Flinner Gallery in Hampden. The two local appraisers have been with Antiques Roadshow for nearly 20 years each.

Baltimore is one of five cities featured during the 22-time Emmy® Award-nominated series' current season. Other distinctive venues visited during *Antiques Roadshow*'s 2024 tour were Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Ark.; Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, Nev.; Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa; Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms in Littleton, Colo.

The 2024 event at the Maryland Zoo was the series' third visit to Baltimore. Previous local productions took place in 2007 (Season 12) and 1999 (Season 4).

Airing on Mondays at 8 p.m., *Antiques Roadshow* is produced by GBH for PBS under license from the BBC. The executive producer is Marsha Bemko. *Antiques Roadshow* is sponsored by Ancestry and American Cruise Lines. Additional funding is provided by public television viewers.

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